

NATIVE ROOTS

To promote the enjoyment & stewardship of natural areas in West Central Indiana!

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STATE INPAWS 17th Annual Conference

"Conserving Biodiversity with Native Plants"

SAT, NOV 6th 8:30am-5pm at the Schwitzer Student Center
University of Indianapolis – 1400 East Hanna Ave.

Featured Speakers—

Carole Brown – Ecosystem Gardening/Sustainable Landscaping
Carolyn Summers – Native Garden Design/Conserving Biodiversity

For conference details & other information: www.inpaws.org

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

West Central Chapter of INPAWS - Indiana Native Plant & Wildflower Society

WC-INPAWS PROGRAM Meetings—fourth Mondays at 7pm
at Lilly Nature Center in Celery Bog Nature Area, West Lafayette
Dinner with the speaker is at 6pm at the MCL Cafeteria-West Lafayette
~ open to the public ~

MON, NOV 22 – Growing Native Trees and Shrubs from Seed
Walt Beineke, owner of "The Land Nursery" near Martell Forest, and
Emeritus Purdue Professor of Forest Genetics, known for his Black
Walnut research, will share his experiences and expertise in
nurturing trees and shrubs from seed to healthy plant!

NO DECEMBER MEETING

PgmChair: Susan Ulrich 765-583-2275 sueandtedulrich@msn.com

Presentation by Michael Pollan

(part of the Spirit & Place Food for Thought Festival-NOV 5-14)

FRI, NOV 12th ~ 12 noon-1:30pm*

at Scottish Rite Cathedral Theatre 650 North Meridian St, INDY

*Lobby doors open at 11am; theater doors open at 11:30am

COST: \$15 Balcony; \$25 Main Theater

Michael Pollan will be interviewed by Barbara Lewis about the places
where nature and culture intersect: on our plates, in our farms and
gardens, and in the built environment. Q&A and booksigning follow.

Named to the 2010 TIME 100 (the magazine's annual list of the
world's 100 most influential people), Pollan is the author of four NY
Times bestsellers including Botany of Desire, The Omnivore's
Dilemma, and Food Rules: An Eater's Manual.

More info: 317-274-2455 or www.spiritandplace.org

POLLINATORS & CONSERVATION—What's the BUZZ?

Presented by Hoosier Chapter – Soil & Water Conservation Society

FRI, NOV 19th* – Registration starts at 9am; meeting at 10am

at Eagle Creek Discovery Center—5901 Delong Rd, Indianapolis

Talks: "Commercial Honey Bee Industry/Colony Collapse Disease,"
"Native Bees, Habitat Restoration," "Pesticides and pollinators/pollen
and plants," "Using Farm Bill Programs for Pollinator Conservation"

COST: \$10 students/retirees, \$20 members, \$25 non-members (lunch)
\$5/car park entry fee (or carpool from NRCS State Office)

*** REGISTRATION/PAYMENT DEADLINE: NOV 12th**

For more info & registration form, go to:

www.agreenerindiana.com/events/pollinators-and-conservation
and click on "Fall meeting Pollinators.docx"

Tippecanoe County Master Gardener Workshops

Tippecanoe Extension Office—3150 Sagamore Parkway South, Lafayette

9am-noon – Free & Open to the Public

SAT, NOV 20th – "Gifts from Nature"

SAT, DEC 18th – "Winter Sowing"

For more info: Robin Hammel 765-414-7147

HAPPY HOLLOW WALKERS

Enjoy nature while getting good exercise on this 2-mile walk!

MON, WED, FRI at 10:30am sharp (walk 30-45 minutes)

Meet in first parking lot at Happy Hollow Park in West Lafayette.

For INFO: temple.pearson@gmail.com or 765-743-3437

SYCAMORE AUDUBON SOCIETY (SAS)

www.sycamoreaudubon.org

SAS PROGRAM Meetings—second Thursdays at 7:15pm

at Lilly Nature Center in Celery Bog Nature Area, West Lafayette
Dinner with the speaker is at 6pm at the MCL Cafeteria-West Lafayette

~ open to the public ~

THURS, NOV 11 – Birds of Trinidad & Tobago

Presentation by Russ & Vivian Mumford includes:

Vivian's slides of scenery and wildlife, supplemented by
Russ's artwork of some of the birds seen on the trip!

THURS, DEC 9 – Urban Bird Conservation

Presentation by Don Gorney, Amos W. Butler Audubon Society

Don has worked on many projects that affect birds in urban
environments, such as Common Nighthawks and Chimney Swifts.
He has also worked on DNR habitat preservation at Fort Harrison
State Park and is Program Director for "Lights Out Indy" which has
the goal of preventing bird deaths due to building collisions.

PGM CHAIR—Diane Packett: dlpacket@pex.net or 765-463-9231

SAS FIELD TRIPS

SUN, NOV 21 Sandhill Cranes at Jasper-Pulaski from 3:30pm-7pm

Meet at 3:30pm at Celery Bog gravel parking lot (off Lindberg Rd
in West Lafayette) to carpool to J-P. Come see thousands of staging
Sandhill Cranes and perhaps a Whooping Crane or two as well!

SAT, DEC 4 Early Winter Birds (led by Barney Dunning)

Meet at 8am at Celery Bog gravel parking lot (Lindberg Rd, WL)
Trip will be a full- or half-day, depending on internet bird reports.
A likely option is the Lake Michigan shore, where Snow Buntings,
winter gulls, and Saw-whet and Snowy Owls are possible. If nothing
is happening there, the birding will be closer to West Lafayette.

THURSDAY EARLY BIRD WALKS at HORT PARK – thru mid-NOV

Meet at 8:00am* in the east parking lot of Horticulture Park on
McCormick Rd across from Purdue West shopping center in WL.

*Starting times may be adjusted depending on sunup. (~ 1-hour walk)

For field trip or walk info: Barney Dunning 494-3565w, 497-3082h

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT – ALL DAY SAT DEC 18

Open to birders of all skills; more info at DEC 9th SAS program.
This all day bird census covers a 15-mile diameter count circle in
Tippecanoe County. Field counters & feeder counters are needed.

SAT, DEC 18th count is followed by 8pm compilation party
at the Wild Bird Shoppe (Kalberer Rd just east of Morehouse Rd, WL)

Sassafras Audubon Annual Field Trip to NW Indiana

SAT-SUN NOV 6-7

(Carpool from Bloomington leaves 6 or 6:30am on SAT)

SAT—birding at Willow Slough, Kankakee Sands, & Jasper Pulaski

Overnight in the Comfort Inn in Michigan City

(make your own reservations: 219-879-9190)

SUN morning—birding the lakefront

RSVP/INFO: Don Whitehead 812-339-1782

FREE Programs: COOL CREEK Park & Nature Center
2000 E 151st St, Carmel, IN

BIRD BANDING DEMONSTRATION: SAT, NOV 6th at 1pm

Dr. Ron Weiss, Exec Dir of Chipper Woods Bird Observatory,
demonstrates how to safely capture, handle, and release wild birds
unharmful, as well as how to examine them for data useful to the
conservation of these birds as well as their habitat.

BEGINNING BIRD HIKES: WED NOV 10, 17, 24; SUN NOV 14, 28

Meet 8:30am in north parking lot of Cool Creek Park, past the Nature
Center. Bird-watchers of all levels are welcome! **Bring binoculars.**

MORE INFO: www.myhamiltoncountyparks.com

amanda.smith@hamiltoncounty.in.gov 317-774-2501

"WEDNESDAYS in the WILD"

Natural History Talks/Workshops/Field Trips

NOV 2010 1-3pm or As Noted

Nov 3rd 7-9pm Emerald Ash Borer **LNC**

WL Tree Fund Chair Lynn Layden & Purdue Entomologist Jodie Ellis give a presentation on this invasive exotic beetle wreaking havoc on ash trees. Learn local strategies for dealing with this pest, a history of the disaster, & tips for homeowners on management of this pest!

Nov 10th 1-3pm Late Migrant & Winter Resident Birds **LNC**

An indoor presentation on these birds by avid birder Susan Ulrich (active in Sycamore Audubon Society) is followed by a birding walk at the Celery Bog marsh. **Bring binoculars!**

Nov 17th 1-3pm Fruits of Fall—featuring Persimmons .. **BEEC**

Purdue Dendrologist Sally Weeks and Master Gardener & committed cook Lynn Layden discuss native & heirloom fruits found in Indiana—including persimmon, pawpaw & native nuts. Tasting is part of this experience in using our local produce!

NOTE: Programs will resume mid-January 2011.

LOCATIONS of these FREE PGMS—OPEN to the PUBLIC

BEEC (Brier Environmental Educ Ctr): Battle Ground—turn by small Center sign on south side of Prophet St nr intersection with N. 9th St

LNC (Lilly Nature Center/Celery Bog Nature Area): On north side of Lindberg Rd (betw Northwestern & McCormick) in West Lafayette.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, contact:

Mary Cutler (765-567-2993), Dan Dunten (765-775-5172), or Editor

Sponsored by: Mary Cutler-TIPP CO Park & Rec Dept, Dan Dunten-WL Parks & Rec, Sycamore Audubon Soc, WC-INPAWS, NICHES

TWO WINTER TREE & SHRUB IDENTIFICATION HIKES – NOV 6th

1-3:30pm at two different locations:

The Cedars (Monroe Co.) & Touch the Earth (Bartholomew Co.)

Sponsored by Sycamore Land Trust (SLT)

SLT members - free; others suggested donation \$5/adult, \$10/family.

For details: erin@sycamorelandtrust.org 812-336-5382 x104

or www.sycamorelandtrust.org

GREEN ACCOLADES!!!

Diane Damico, creator of West Lafayette's Go Greener

Commission, which was honored during the governor's "award for environmental excellence" presentation for:

~efforts to inform residents of daily changes that can reduce their environmental impact

~highlighting the waste of one-time-use plastics

~establishing a "green" standard certification program for local events and farmers market vendors

More info: dianedamico@mac.com

Sara Peel of the Wabash River Enhancement Corporation

was one of 40 individuals nationwide named a 2010 Together-Green Fellow!!

The award comes with specialized conservation training, the chance to work with others in the field, and a \$10,000 grant for use toward a community-focused project promoting environmental health!!

Sara's project involves creating a website software tool that will enable people to calculate their property's environmental footprint so that they can figure out what needs to be done to improve water quality on their own property.

Dawn Boston, District Director, Wildcat Creek Waste Distr.

is an UNSUNG HERO. If she hasn't been given an award, she sure is deserving of one for her work on the proper disposal of waste.

Her environmental stewardship can be seen all over the pages of the comprehensive booklet "Tippecanoe County Recycling Guide."

Copies are available free at Lilly Nature Center, our local libraries, Walmart entrances, and at her office (open MON-FRI): 2780 N. 9th St. in Lafayette. **For more info: Dawn Boston 765-423-2858**

**CONGRATULATIONS & THANKS to ALL
for helping our community live greener!**

WABASH RIVER PUBLIC MEETING

THUR, NOV 4th 7-8:30pm in the NCHS Auditorium in Ivy Hall
at Ivy Tech Community College in Lafayette

3101 South Creasy Lane near U.S. 52

The Wabash River Enhancement Corp. will present
a draft of the rural corridor master plan for public comment.

More info at: www.wabashriver.net

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The INPAWS RIP (Remove Invasive Plant) Squad

needs volunteers to help remove non-native honeysuckle at its

Remaining FALL 2010 Workdays--THURSDAYS 3-5pm

Bring loppers and gloves & dress for poison ivy!

At Ross Hills Park on NOV 4th, 11th

Meet at far end of park's last parking area (loop drive). Ross Hills is located off Division Rd near Ravines Golf Course in West Lafayette

At Celery Bog Nature Area on NOV 18th

Meet at parking lot closest to Lilly Nature Center (off Lindberg Rd, WL)

To get a RIP e-mail workday reminder,

contact Joan: mohrsamuels@comcast.net

otherwise, please confirm workday location by calling:

Joan Samuels 765-567-7023 or Margareta Fong 765-463-5093

Sponsored by West Central INPAWS in cooperation with the
Park Departments of Tippecanoe County and West Lafayette.

NICHES Land Trust - Helping Ecosystems Survive!

Exec. Dir. Gus Nyberg – Website: www.nicheslandtrust.org

NEXT BOARD MEETING -- 7 pm TUES: Dec 7th (none in Nov)

in the Wells Center/TAF: 638 North St, Lafayette

NOTE: NICHES is on FACEBOOK: type *NICHES Land Trust* in search

UPCOMING NICHES EVENTS/WORKDAYS (EDT)**

SAT, NOV 6th 10am-1pm Volunteer Workday (Tippecanoe Co.)

Honeysuckle removal at Hoffman Easement. For property

directions, contact **Mary Sue or Peter Waser at 765-589-3228.**

SAT, NOV 13th 10am-1pm Volunteer Workday (Tippecanoe Co.)

Brush pile burning at Granville Sand Barrens in preparation for the prairie planting this winter. Natural fiber clothing is recommended.

SAT, NOV 27th 11am-1:30pm Shawnee Bottoms Hike (Fountain Co.)

Turkey Trot post-Thanksgiving walk along the towpath in the woods. May see turkey, deer, and other local wildlife.

SAT, DEC 4th 10am-3pm CHRISTMAS TREE CUTTING

Join us at Granville Sand Barrens (Tippecanoe County) parking lot and start a new family tradition! Cut down and take home a free Eastern Red Cedar or White Pine of your choice knowing that you are helping to return vital light to the Barrens. Bring a story to share and enjoy old-fashioned camaraderie and hot local cider!

****For more info/property directions: www.nicheslandtrust.org**

OR Gus Nyberg at 765-423-1605, gnyberg@nicheslandtrust.org

Stewardship Workday sponsored by TNC in Indiana

SAT, NOV 13 9am-noon CT at Kankakee Sands (Newton County)

Seed Cleaning & Sorting at the seed barn. (NOTE: Gloves & long sleeves are a good idea for working with dry plant material!)

Meet at the Kankakee Sands Seed Barn: 417W CR 600N, Lake Village

RSVP/INFO: Stephanie Frischie 219-819-0245, sfrischie@tnc.org

The Hoosier Environmental Council's

3rd Annual Greening the Statehouse Policy Forum

at Indiana University School of Law: 530 West New York St, INDY

NOV 6th - Registration 9am /Program 10am-3:30pm

Learn about policies to advance public transit, green energy, sustainable agriculture, and protection of our rivers and lakes.

Rick Dove, featured speaker talking about

"North Carolina Consequences of CAFOS—Are Hoosiers Next?"

COST: Students \$15; Gen Adm \$20 (includes lunch).

INFO & Registration(w/meal pref): www.hecweb.org/greenforum

RAIN BARRELS – a great collector of water for your garden—water that would otherwise run off and be diverted to a storm drain or stream!
Tipp Co. Soil & Water Conservation District is selling 55-gallon rain barrels for \$70. They are made of recycled food-grade plastic, include a screen on top to keep out mosquitoes, and all necessary spigots are attached. **FOR INFO/TO PURCHASE: call 474-9992 ext 3.**

Why this newsletter?

If you're like me, you'd like to have all your nature news in one place—so you don't miss out on some interesting natural history programs or stewardship opportunities. That's my intent here.

Submissions for JAN-FEB issue need to reach me by DEC 29th.

Please send your info to mohrsamuels@comcast.net

or call (765) 567-7023. **Joan Mohr Samuels, Editor**